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In re application of:

Sergey A. Selifonov et al.

Application No.: 09/494,282

Filed: January 18, 2000

For: Methods for

Methods for Making Character Strings, Polynucleotides and Polypeptides Having

Desired Characteristics

Examiner: S. Zhou

Art Unit: 1631

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please reconsider the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2000 in light of the remarks below.

The following documents are submitted herewith:

- 1) A transmittal sheet; and,
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.

#### **AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to the restriction requirement, please cancel claims 1-42 and 54-88.

#### REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

With this amendment and response to restriction, claims 43-53 are pending.

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# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 7, 2000, Applicants elect Group II (claims 43-53), without traverse.

# NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL RELATED PENDING APPLICATIONS

Applicants note that there are several pending applications related to the present application. These include:

USSN 09/416,375 filed October 12, 1999, USSN 09/484,850 filed January 18, 2000, PCT/US00/01202 filed January 18, 2000, PCT/US00/01203 filed January 18, 2000, PCT/US00/01138 filed January 18, 2000, USSN 09/408,392 filed September 28, 1999, USSN 09/416,837 filed October 12, 1999 and USSN 09/408,393 filed September 28, 1999, USSN 09/626,588 filed July 27, 2000, USSN 09/626,930 filed July 27, 2000, USSN 09/626,595 filed July 27, 2000, USSN 09/626,6929 filed July 27, 2000, USSN 09/626,601 filed July 27, 2000, USSN 09/694,863 filed October 23, 2000, USSN 09/694,864 filed October 23, 2000, USSN 09/721,601 filed November 21, 2000, USSN 09/539,486 filed March 30, 2000, USSN 09/618,579 filed July 18, 2000, USSN 09/721,396 filed November 21, 2000, USSN 09/718,765 filed November 21, 2000, USSN 09/718,849 filed November 21, 2000, USSN 09/718,682 filed November 21, 2000 and 09/721,365 filed November 21, 2000.

An information disclosure statement citing these applications and copies of the applications are being sent under separate cover.

# **CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that this response to restriction is fully responsive. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding the application, or if a telephone conference would expedite consideration of the application.

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